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DISCONTINUATION OF DOLPHIN JEEVAN SATHI PLAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the the Dolphin 'Jeevan Sathi' plan of Mahanagar Telephnone Nigam Limited (MTNL) was discontinued all of a sudden in March, 2008 before the date fixed for the same;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a large number of incidents of black-marketing of mobile numbers came to light under the said scheme;

(d) if not, the reasons as to why the said scheme was discontinued a month before the date fixed for the same;

(e) the total number of applications received by MTNL under the said plan;

(f) whether Dolphin connections have been made available to all the applicants; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) 'Dolphin Jeevan Sathi' Plan in Delhi was launched on 15.02.2008 as a promotional plan for limited period keeping in view the available capacity. The same was closed on 01.03.2008. The scheme is continuing in MTNL, Mumbai.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(e) In Delhi, 32,169 applications were received during the promotional period of 15.02.2008 to 01.03.2008. In Mumbai, 528 new applications were received during the month of March, 2008

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) Does not arise in view of (f) above.